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4th PS Bn in Rozvadov.

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1. Prior to 1 March 1951, the 4th PS Bn in Rozvadov (N 50-P 43) was subordinate to the 2d PS Brig in Plana (N 50/P 55) which, in turn, was subordinate to [redacted] Prague. Other PS brigades were stationed in Cheb (N 51/P 37), Pobezovice (N 50/P 61), Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69), Volary (N 49/Q 55) and Susice (N 50/Q 28). The brigade in Plana was under the command of Lieutenant Subrt (fnu). The 2d Bn in Halze (N 50/P 44) and one battalion each in Lesna (N 50/P 43) and Zandov (N 51/P 46) were also assigned to this brigade in addition to the 4th Bn. *

2. Prior to December 1951, the 4th Bn was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Potyka (fnu), who, according to soldiers, was replaced by Junior Lieutenant Tichy (fnu) in late December 1951. *

3. The 19th Co of the 4th Bn [redacted] was located in Novy Dvur, 3 km southwest of Rozvadov, and numbered 56 men, including only 15 percent Slovaks. * Prior to February 1952, the personnel of the company were issued new gas masks with hose and filter packed in pockets and a paper-made protective cover for footgear to be used in contaminated areas. A new dress uniform of darker color was introduced in October 1951, with the trousers having a large pocket on the right side and a small pocket for a magazine on the outer seam of the left leg.

PS Dog Handler School in Doupov.

4. Prior to 30 October 1951, a dog handler school for the PS brigades employed along the western border of Czechoslovakia was in a former monastery on the southern edge of Doupov (N 51/P 89). It had been in Strasnice, Moravia, prior to early 1951. It was subordinate to [redacted] Prague and was under the command of Lieutenant Josef Valka. It consisted of 4 officers, 6 instructors, 50 trainees and a guard detail of 10 men and was organized into 2 platoons each of 3 squads. A kennel for about 50 dogs was in the garden of the installation. **

5. The training course lasted from 1 July to 30 October 1951. Each trainee brought along an untrained German shepherd dog from his unit. The daily duty included 5 hours of practical training for the dogs to teach obedience, trailing etc, and theoretical instruction for the dog handlers on the care of injured dogs, the raising and training of dogs etc.

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Miscellaneous.

6. Prior to November 1950, the training unit of an infantry regiment was located in the barracks installation in Techonin (P 51/H 30). Other components of this regiment were stationed in Hradec Kralove (C 51/C 71). In late December 1950, the installation was vacant and without billeting equipment. ***

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In Jarlov the 1st Bn of the Brigade in Plana. Senior Lieutenant Potylna (Jnu) was mentioned as commanding officer of the 4th Bn as late as February 1952.

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** [] Comment. Only a dog handler school in Terezin has been known to date. See [] The 4th Bn of the 13 Brigade in Karlov Vary is also carried in Dupov.

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*** [] Comment. The unit in Techonin most probably belongs to the 4th Inf Regt which was confirmed in Hradec Kralove until September 1950.

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